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27. A method comprising the steps of:

detecting a voltage difference between a first voltage reference node and a second voltage reference node to determine when an electrostatic discharge event is occurring;  
providing conductive path through a thyristor when the voltage difference is less than approximately 10 volts.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the first voltage reference node and the second voltage reference node are at a common potential during a normal mode of operation.

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current preliminary amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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